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EAST PAKISTAN: Guerrilla activity in East Pakistan is expected to increase with the ending of the monsoon by early October.

[redacted] Mukti Bahini (East Pakistan Liberation Fighters) are scheduled to begin infiltrating into East Pakistan from India during the first week of October [redacted]

[redacted] This group of men, recruited primarily from East Pakistani refugees, is described as the third and largest contingent of Bengali guerrillas to have received weapons and training in India prior to infiltration across the border. [redacted] up to 10,000 guerrillas are already operating in East Pakistan or staging cross-border raids.

The ending of the monsoon will facilitate counter guerrilla activities by the estimated 70,000 Pakistani troops in the East wing. On the other hand, the end of the rains will also increase the mobility of the "liberation fighters," and the virtual doubling of the number of active guerrilla fighters would significantly increase difficulties for the martial law administration in retaining control over East Pakistan--both by permitting more frequent attacks on troops, government installations, and collaborators and by demonstrating to the population the growing strength of the guerrilla movement.

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GERMANY-USSR: Continued East German footdragging in the "second phase" of the Berlin talks will be a major item on Chancellor Brandt's agenda in his talks with Brezhnev in the Crimea beginning today.

Despite Western approaches to the Soviets for intercession last weekend, Pankow's negotiator Kohl remained adamant on 14 September in denying that the German-language text of the Berlin accord worked out by East and West German representatives on 3 September can be the basis for the inter-German talks. On the same day, West Berlin Senat negotiator Mueller met with East Germany's representative Kohrt, but made no progress on substance or procedures. The next talks in both forums are set for 22 September, after the Brandt-Brezhnev summit.

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Bonn is eager to conclude the inter-German talks, but not at the cost of acknowledging GDR legal pretensions leaving open obvious possibilities for future obstructionism.

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The Soviets will probably make a generally favorable response to Brandt's requests. East German recalcitrance may be acceptable and even desirable to the Soviets as a short-term tactic, but it is doubtful that they will let it persist long enough to threaten their broader aims in Europe. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the only agenda item proposed by the Soviets was a discussion of a Conference on European Security (CES)--further evidence of the importance they attach to this topic. Having come as far as they already have on Berlin, it is unlikely that the Soviets intend to let East German obstructionism impede the accelerating movement toward a CES. [REDACTED]

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